

County Description

Geographic

- Pickett County, located in the northern portion of the Upper Cumberland Region borders the Kentucky line and is surrounded by Fentress, Scott, Overton, and Clay counties in Tennessee.
- Pickett County is located 118 miles northeast of Nashville.
- This county is predominantly rural with access to Interstate 40 and other U.S. and State highways.
- The average high temperature is 85.7 degrees and the average low is 25.2 degrees with average precipitation being 56.42 inches.

Land Area

- Pickett County is a farming community consisting of 162.9 square miles with population density being 27.9 per square mile.
- Pickett County is located on Dale Hollow Lake and is surrounded by rolling hills.
- The number one farm crop is tobacco.
- The primary state highway in the county is Highway 111.

Economic Base

- The county's median family personal income is \$18,379.
- The county's median household personal income is \$14,993.
- Pickett County's per capita personal income is \$9,564.
- The average weekly income of 1997 wages was \$327.
- The individual poverty rate for Pickett County is 24.9%.
- The family poverty rate for Pickett County is 20.6%.
- The 1999 average labor-force total is 2,220, of those, 2,120 are employed and 100 are unemployed giving Pickett County an unemployment rate of 4.5%.
- The Pickett County economic data reflects that 1,370 individuals work in manufacturing and 980 work in non-manufacturing jobs.

Demographics

- Pickett County's public education system consists of 1 elementary school and 1 Junior High/Senior High School with an approximate enrollment of 850 students.
- The number of TennCare enrollees in Pickett County for 1999 is 887.
- The 1998 population estimate for Pickett County is 4,629.
- The median age for Pickett County residence is 37.7 years.